

## II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A chip card connector comprising a base frame having integrated contact springs and a closing cover hinged from above the base frame whereby in a closed position, a chip card inserted into the base frame lies in contiguous contact against portion of the contact springs projecting into an interior of the base frame, wherein the closing cover includes on a side opposite a hinged side of the closing cover, two stop arms having indexating tip members engaged in a closed position under shoulders provided on an edge of the base frame, the stop arms being located inwards and spaced apart [[away]] from lateral [[edges]] sides of the closing cover opposite each other and adapted to be folded one against one another at the cover in order to cause the cover to open.
2. (Previously Presented) A chip card connector according to Claim 1, wherein said stop arms are formed from two small bars extending along three recesses open on one side of said cover, the recesses being arranged next to each other, the bars extending up to a front zone in which the bars are widened, said indexing tip members being located on a front edge of said cover and being bent at a 90°angle.
3. (Currently Amended) A chip card connector according to Claim 1, wherein a projection is provided [[in]] on a front zone of each of said stop arms [[to]] for engag[[e]]ing said arms.
4. (Previously Presented) A chip card connector according to Claim 1, wherein on an edge of said base frame that is located close to an axis of rotation of said cover, a retaining member is formed, said retaining member being adapted to admit the chip card therein.

5. (Previously Presented) A chip card connector according to Claim 4, wherein said cover while closing has located on the lateral edges hinge pins and when said cover is closed, said cover is on a plane parallel to said retaining member.
6. (Original) A chip card connector according to Claim 2, wherein each of said indexing tip members is beveled to facilitate passage into said covers closed position.
7. (Previously Presented) A chip card connector according to Claim 1, further including a spring member adapted to allow for said cover when closed and locked to spring open automatically when unlocked.
8. (Currently Amended) A chip card connector comprising a base frame having integrated contact springs and a closing cover hinged from above the base frame whereby in a closed position, a chip card inserted into the base frame lies in contiguous contact against a portion of the contact springs projecting into an interior of the base frame, wherein the closing cover includes on a side opposite a hinged side of the closing cover, two stop arms having indexating tip members engaged in a closed position under shoulders provided on an edge of the base frame, the stop arms being located inwards [[away]] and spaced apart from lateral sides of the closing cover opposite each other and adapted to be folded one against one another at the cover in order to cause the cover to open, the stop arms being formed from two small bars defining three slots formed in the cover that all open on one side of the cover, the slots being arranged next to one another, the bars extending up to a front zone in which the stop arms are widened, the indexing tip members being located on a front edge of the cover and being bent at a 90° angle.

9. (Currently Amended) A chip card connector comprising a base frame having integrated contact springs and a closing cover hinged from above the base frame whereby in a closed position, a chip card inserted into the base frame lies in contiguous contact against a portion of the contact springs projecting into an interior of the base frame, wherein the closing cover includes on a side opposite a hinged side of the closing cover, two stop arms having indexation tip members engaged in a closed position under shoulders provided on an edge of the base frame, the stop arms being located inwards [[away]] and spaced apart from lateral sides of the closing cover opposite each other and adapted to be folded one against one another at the cover in order to cause the cover to open, the stop arms being formed from two small bars defining three slots formed in the cover that all open on one side of the cover, the slots being arranged next to each other, the bars extending up to a front zone in which they are widened, the indexing tip members being located on a front edge of the cover and being bent at a 90° angle, and further wherein projections are provided [[in]] a front zone of the stop arms [[to]] for engag[[e]]ing the arms.